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SUBJECT: SPECIAL LOS REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN

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1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOFF, CALLED ON DR. KENNETH RATTRAY, GOJ SOLICITOR GENERAL AND LOCAL EXPERT THIS SUBJECT. RATTRAY INDICATED THAT SPECIAL REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR CARIBBEAN WAS NOT A NEW PROPOSAL. HE SAID JAMAICANS HAD RAISED ISSUE AT 1972 MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO AS "MATRIOMONIAL SEA" CONCEPT. HE SAID AN ECONOMIC ZONE OF 200 MILES WAS OBVIOUSLY UNWORKABLE FOR SOME COUNTRIES, OF WHICH JAMAICA WAS ONE, AND IT THEREFORE MADE SENSE TO ESTABLISH A SUB-REGIONAL ZONE WHOSE "LIVING RESOURCES" WOULD BENEFIT ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE ZONE. THERE WOULD BE A POOLING OF RESOURCES AS WELL AS A CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE

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AUTHORITY TO HANDLE THESE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL

PROBLEMS LIKE POLLUTION, ETC. ALL THE LEGAL RIGHTS WOULD APPLY
WITHIN SUCH A ZONE, FOR EXAMPLE INNOCENT PASSAGE, AND IN NO
WAY WOULD THE RIGHTS OF ADJACENT COUNTRIES OR SEAS BE PREJUDICED. HE
SAID THE MATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT DERIVED FROM DUTCH LAW
IN WHICH MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY IS DEFINED AS BELONGING TO
THE FAMILY. HE ANTICIPATED THAT SOME SPECIAL MEETINGS
WOULD BE HELD BUT DID NOT KNOW WHEN.

2. ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS IN GENERAL, HE STATED
THAT IT WAS INTERESTING, AND PERHAPS AN INDICATION OF
PROGRESS, THAT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEGINNING TO INCORPORATE
THE CONFERENCES' CONSENSUS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS. HE THINKS
THE KEY ISSUE IS RESOURCES AND HOW THEY ARE DEFINED. THE
FEAR OF NOT HAVING A MULILATERAL CONVENTION WAS BEGINNING
TO AFFECT SOME OF THE LDCS. RATTRAY CONSIDERS "BACKYARD
PROBLESM" (THOSE SPECIAL TO EACH COURMRY) THE MOST DIFFICULT
ONES AND IS HOPEFUL THAT ONCE A MULTILATERAL TREATY
HAS BEEN AGREED THE PARTIES CONCERNED CAN GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS ON THE DETAILS. GERARD

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